

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0001], with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of International Application Number PCT/NL03/_____ (~~Application Number not yet assigned~~) PCT/NL2003/000712, filed Oct. 22, 2003, entitled "SEPARATION OF BIOMASS FROM LACTIC-ACID CONTAINING FERMENTATION PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF FLOCCULATION," co-inventors of which are Peter Johannes Marie BAETS and Rob COLDENHOF, which names Purac Biochem B. V. as the Applicant, and which claims the benefit of the priority date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/419,962, filed on Oct. 22, 2002. The disclosures of both applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.